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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: BRITISH INTEREST IN REPRESENTATION TO SOUTH
AFRICA OVER ISSUE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. DECEMBER 17, HEAD OF FCO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, MARTIN REED, CONTACTED EMBASSY TO ASK WHETHER US HAD MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA OVER THE ISSUE OF RELEASING POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PROPOSED SUCH ACTION AT A MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOREIGN OFFICE AFRICAN EXPERTS LAST WEEK, AND RECEIVED MIXED REACTIONS. SOME FELT IT A GOOD IDEA AND MOST EFFECTIVE JUST NOW, SOON AFTER THE VETO OF EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE U.N. OTHERS, INCLUDING FRANCE, DISAGREED, AS THEY BELIEVED THIS COULD BE CONSTRUED TO BE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

2. REED SAID THAT UK GOVERNMENT WAS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF
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RELATIONS VALUE WITH BLACK AFRICANS, EVEN IF DONE INFORM-
ALLY, AND WONDERED WHAT USG ATTITUDE WAS ON THIS ISSUE.
HE WAS NOT AWARE WHETHER UK AMBASSADOR HAD DISCUSSED MAT-
TER WITH AMBASSADOR HURD OR NOT.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR FCO.

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